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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Toronto, December 13th, 1916.

Dear Sir,-

I am directed by the Minister of Education to acknowledge the receipt, through the Superintendent, of the agenda of the coming University Matriculation Conference, and to state in connection therewith that some of the topics for discussion deal with proposals of so radical a character that, in view of the Minister's responsibility to the Province, under Section 5 (a) of The Department of Education Act and of Section 9 (1) of The High Schools Act, for the High School Courses of Study, he now requests the Conference to submit to this Department the conclusions it may arrive at affecting the courses of study and the examinations, before any action is taken thereon by the Universities concerned.

Under the present organization of the school courses and examinations, it is manifestly desirable that this Department should be a party to any changes affecting the High School Courses of Study, and the Minister confidently expects that the Universities concerned will govern themselves accordingly.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

A. H. U. Colquhoun

Deputy Minister of Education.

R. A. Falconer, Esq.,
Chairman, University Matriculation Committee,
Toronto.

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December 16th, 1916

A. H. U. Colquhoun, Esq., LL.D.,

Deputy Minister of Education.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

In answer to your letter of December 13th I may say that I read it to the University Matriculation Conference which was held yesterday and that the Conference unanimously agreed that its resolutions shall be submitted to the Minister of Education before they go into effect in order that any suggestions which he may have to make with regard to them may be considered by the Universities.

No action was taken by the Conference with regard to the question of the reduction of Latin to an optional subject at matriculation.

Proposals as to compulsory French and options being offered in Spanish and Italian at matriculation have been referred to the Senate of the Universities for their consideration.

The Secretary of the Conference, Mr. Bretner, will doubtless send you immediately the lists of texts which the Conference desires to have placed in the Matriculation Calendar.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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March 12th, 1917

A. H. U. Colquhoun, Esq., LL.D.,

Deputy Minister of Education.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

I am indetted to you for three copies of extracts from a report of the Superintendent of Education on the conditions and needs of the Faculty of Education of the University of Toronto.

I have read these extracts and shall consider them somewhat more carefully and after I have done so I shall be glad to discuss the details with the Superintendent and Dr. Pakenham. I shall endeavour to have this matter attended to at an early date.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 8th, 1917

A. H. U. Colquhoun, Esq., LL.D.,

Deputy Minister of Education.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

Yesterday I received your letter asking me to procure as soon as possible from the Board of Governors a decision with regard to the request of the Minister of Education that the regular session in the Faculty of Education should be lengthened next year. The Board of Governors meets on Thursday of this week and I will lay your letter before them and ask them to take action as soon as possible.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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May 21st, 1917

Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun,

Deputy Minister of Education,

Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

In answer to your letter of May 17th, the University will be pleased to place at your disposal as in previous years the class rooms in the Main Building for the use of the Department of Education.

Yours sincerely,

President.

June 21st, 1917

Dr. A. H. U. Colquhoun,

Deputy Minister of Education,

Toronto.

Dear Dr. Colquhoun:

I have to-day received your letter stating that the Minister of Education wishes to have an extension of the work done under Miss Laird in the Faculty of Household Science for those students who will undertake Dietetics. This is a matter that will have to be dealt with by the Board of Governors, and I will lay your request before them at their meeting on Thursday of next week. I may say, however, that I think it is altogether inopportune that with the present staff the Board would be willing to lay the additional burden involved in this work upon our staff which is hardly large enough for its present duties.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

TORONTO,

June 23rd., 1917.

Dear Sir,-

I am directed by the Minister of Education to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st instant and to state that he concludes from it that you do not understand the terms of the proposed extension of the course for teachers; he had expected that Miss Laird would present to you the details of the subject.

The proposed addition to the course, it is true, will lay an additional burden upon some of the members of the staff; such burden, however, would involve an addition to the length of the session for the course, not necessarily an addition to the number upon the staff engaged in it.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. H. U. Colquhoun

Deputy Minister of Education.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
President, University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ontario.